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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC) -- COSTA
RICAN DELEGATES

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1. SENIOR MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MAY 24 THAT COSTA RICA WILL SEND FULL TRIPARTITE DELEGATION TO ILC. GOCR DELEGATES WILL BE MINISTER OF LABOR RAFAEL ANGEL ROJAS JIMENEZ (DELEGATION CHAIRMAN) AND LIC. MERIDA MORALES HERNANDEZ, A CAREER DIPLOMAT (AND SISTER OF EX-MINISTER OF LABOR FRANCISCO MORALES) ATTACHED TO COSTA RICAN MISSION IN GENEVA. WORKER DELEGATE WILL BE LUIS ARMANDO GUTIERREZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF COSTA RICAN CONFEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WORKERS (CCTD). EMPLOYER DELEGATE STILL BE NAMED.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CRITICAL ISSUES (REFTEL A) WITH GUTIERREZ MAY 25. GUTIERREZ GENERALLY EXPRESSED ACROSS THE BOARD SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION, AND CONCURRED WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY'S VIEWS OF ILO. HIS ONLY RESERVATION CONCERNED LDC EFFORT TO CHANGE ILO VOTING STRUCTURE. HE AGREED WITH DESIRABILITY OF POSTPONING DEBATE AT 63RD ILC ON THIS ISSUE, PROVIDED IT IS NOT PUT OFF INDEFINITELY, AND WOULD LIKE MATTER PLACED
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ON AGENDA OF FUTURE MEETING. GUTIERREZ ALSO FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO MORRIS CANDIDACY (HE KNOWS HIM) ALTHOUGH HE WANTS TO SEE COMPLETE CANDIDATE LIST BEFORE MAKING FINALY COMMITMENT. GUTIERREZ SAID MX WAN Y TO MEET WIOS US WORKER DELEGATE BROWN IN GENEVA.

3. COMMENT. DESPITE STRONG RECOMMENDATION BY

FONMIN FACIO, PRESIDENT ODUBER APPARENTLY DECIDED NOT TO NAME DANILO JIMENEZ VEIGA TO HEAD COSTA RICAN DELEGATION. PERSONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO, EXACERBATED BY THE RECENT PUBLIC SPLIT BETWEEN ODUBER AND FORMER PRESIDENT FIGUERES, WITH WHOM JIMENEZ MAINTAINS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, WERE THE DECIDING FACTORS IN THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION. GOCR POSITION ON CRITICAL ISSUES AS REPORTED REFTEL B IS NOT CHANGED. HOWEVER, INFLUENCE OF GOCR DELEGATION WILL BE WEAKENED BY JIMENEZ' ABSENCE.

4. IT IS POSSIBLE USDEL CHAIRMAN HAS MET ROJAS AND/OR GUTIERREZ AS BOTH WERE PRESENT AT RECEPTION ATTENDED BY HOROWITZ FOR ARA LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR TODMAN IN SEPTEMBER 1976 IN SAN JOSE.
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